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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
FROM : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT : Acting Director, Center for Policy Support
Department of State Request for Analysis on
NATO Arms Standardization

1. You will recall that George Vest, Director of Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, asked CIA to analyze the economic, political and military implications for Europe of NATO arms standardization. I made a visit to the Department and talked with James Goodby, Deputy Politico-Military Affairs.

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2. [REDACTED] has surveyed the problem for me and recommended:

--The Directorate of Intelligence undertake the project;

--An inter-office working group should prepare a plan for development of the data base required for this analysis;

--The working group should have full-time representatives from OER, part-time representatives from OSR, OSI, and ORPA;

--The working group report on development of the data base to be completed within 4 weeks.

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3. This memorandum and [REDACTED] report to me have been sent Maurice Ernst, Sid Graybeal, Karl Weber, and Jack King.

4. I recommend we discuss this at the 10 January production meeting and get the project underway.

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